

REMARKS

Claims 19-22, 26-32, 42, 45, 49-52, 54-56 and 59-62 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, previously presented claims 19, 42, 45, 54 and 56 have been amended; previously presented claims 23-25, 43-44, 46-48, 53 and 57-58 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present claims in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Entry of the above amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (a) in that the above amendments (1) place the claims in condition for allowance; (2) do not raise any new issues; and (3) do not add new claims without canceling a corresponding number of claims. It should be noted that the above amendments to previously presented claims 19, 42, 45, 54 and 56 were made in order to: (1) incorporate the allowable subject matter of previously presented claims 23, 53 and 57 into independent claims 19, 42 and 56 respectively, and (2) to change the dependency of previously presented claims 45 and 54 due to the cancellation of previously presented claims 44 and 53.

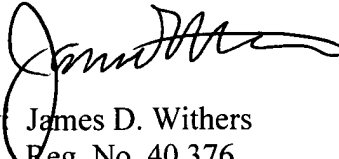
For the reasons given above, entry of the above amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and allowance of claims 19-22, 26-32, 42, 45, 49-52, 54-56 and 59-62 is respectfully requested.

No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 503025.

Amendment And Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Serial No. 10/600,966

Should Examiner Juska believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, Examiner Juska is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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